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Re: Georgia Open Records Act Request

Dear Ms. Seymour:

The Georgia Department of Public Health is in receipt of your Georgia Open Records Act request dated September 12, 2019 seeking numerous records related to the Georgia Prescription Drug Monitoring Program database (PDMP).

Your first request seeks all records reflecting an agreement to utilize Appriss's services. Enclosed please find all records the Department has in response to this request, including the Appriss contract with renewals.

Your second request seeks copies of all memoranda of understanding between the Department and any outside entities regarding the PDMP. Following a search of our records, the Department has no records in response to this request.

Your third request seeks all records regarding the algorithm that determines the risk scores in the PDMP. Following a search of our records, the Department has no records in response to this request.

Your fourth request seeks all records that define or evaluate the PDMP's effectiveness or performance. Following a search of our records, the Department has no records in response to this request.

Your fifth request seeks all records that define or evaluate the Appriss risk assessment tool's effectiveness or performance. Following a search of our records, the Department has no records in response to this request.

Your sixth request seeks records containing a full list of the data fields in the PDMP. Enclosed please find an excel spreadsheet containing all information the Department has in response to this request.

Your seventh request seeks all records of de-identified red flag algorithm outputs and patient behavioral red flags, including prescriber and dispenser training documentation on how to address the red flags. Following a search of our records, the Department has no records in response to this request.

Your eight request seeks records indicating the number of patients in the PDMP by quarter and year. Enclosed please find an excel spreadsheet containing all information the Department has in response to this request.

Your ninth request seeks records indicating the number of prescribers and pharmacists in the PDMP by quarter and year. Enclosed please find an excel spreadsheet containing all information the Department has in response to this request.

Your tenth request seeks all records of the Department's analysis of how the PDMP has impacted public health in Georgia. All records the Department has in response to this request can be found on our website: <https://dph.georgia.gov/drug-surveillance-unit>.

Your eleventh request seeks all records the Department has of notification to law enforcement about information in the PDMP. Following a search of our records, the Department has no records in response to this request.

Your twelfth request seeks all records describing how entities outside of the Department may obtain access to information contained within the PDMP. When inquiries are received, the Department refers the requestor to Georgia law.¹

Your thirteenth request seeks records indicating the legal authorization for sharing PDMP information with law enforcement entities. This information can be found within Georgia law.²

Your fourteenth request seeks records showing how often law enforcement entities or individuals have requested information or records from the PDMP. Enclosed please find 14 pdfs containing all information the Department has in response to this request.

Please let us know if you have difficulty accessing any of the enclosed files.

Sincerely,


Meredith Grant
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¹ See O.C.G.A. § 16-13-57, *et seq.* See also Ga. Comp. R. & Reg. 511-7-2.

² *Id.*